

**Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**Clarion Suites Hotel, Madison WI**

The meeting was called to order by the State FFA President Nicole Schmidt at 7:26pm. The following members of the Board were present Mr. Edward Belinski; State FFA Vice President Michelle Rudolph; Mr. Marty Nowak; State FFA Reporter Tyler Sailsbery; Ms. Rene Lehman; Mr. Peter Mueller; State FFA Vice President Brandon Hager; Mr. Jeff Hicken; Ms. Kim Houser; Mrs. Deb Ihm; State FFA Parliamentarian Danielle Russell; State FFA Secretary Kelsey Murphy; Ms. Christine Jumbeck; Ms. Leigh Siegmund; State FFA Vice President Dani Raether; Mr. Derrick Meyer; Mr. Zobeck; State FFA President Nicole Schmidt; State FFA Advisor/Exec. Secretary Mr. Dean Gagnon; and State FFA Executive Director Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman. Mr. Keith Eccarius and Mrs. Gagnon were guests that were also present.

The minutes from the previous Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors meeting held February 17, 2005 were reviewed. No changes, additions, or corrections were made. The minutes were approved.

**Reports** were given by the Wisconsin FFA Center, Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin FFA Foundation, and the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators.

- Mrs. Zimmerman reported on the activities of the Wisconsin FFA Center and updated the Board on the State and American Degrees and the Proficiency Award judging.
- Mr. Gagnon said he would like to remind everyone to continue to read his Wednesday Weekly for any announcements, reminders, etc.
- Mrs. Gagnon handed out a report for the Foundation. She wanted to remind chapters that the Chapter/Alumni Participation Form is due to the Foundation by March 31, 2005. Mrs. Gagnon also recognized Wisconsin's FFA Chapters and Alumni Affiliates for their contributions and World Dairy Expo Calf Raffle sales. She is also looking for any FFA members that would like to apply for the Dairy Supervised Agriculture Experience Program grant and the Renewable Energy Program grant.
- Mr. Hicken reported that Jennifer Bos was in Washington D.C. representing Wisconsin and working on making connections with representatives. The WAAE Board has also temporarily approved funding for the new Unified Branding and Strategic Marketing Plan. The WAAE Summer Conference will stay in Madison.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sectional Speaking Contest Update: Mr. Hicken reported that having an "Open Door" policy at the Section Six Sectional Speaking Contest went well.
- Dani moved to have an open door policy at the Wisconsin State FFA Convention for all of the speaking contests. Tyler seconded the motion. The Board wanted to make sure that if there is an open door policy that all of the rules for each competition were clearly announced to each audience before each competitor. There will be a separate holding room for teams and individuals that haven't competed. There will be a brief judges orientation before all of the competitions start. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.
- Mrs. Zimmerman discussed the organization of the Sectional Safe Tractor Operators Contests. The Sectional State Officer and Advisor are in charge of setting a date and setting up the course and contest. Mrs. Zimmerman will provide written materials and publish dates as soon as they are provided to her.

## State FFA Committee Reports:

- **The Constitution and Bylaws Committee** recommended that the following Constitutional changes be presented to the delegates at the 76<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin FFA State Convention:

### -1). Article II Section D

Reads: The state organization shall be divided into ten sections on both geographic factors and number of chapters. Each section shall be comprised of three districts for a total of thirty districts. Each section shall be represented by one state officer.

**Proposal:** Insert “position” after officer. The article would read “... Each section shall be represented by one state officer position.”

**Purpose:** To clarify sectional representation. Each section is represented by a position, but not guaranteed a body to fill the position if no member from a section should choose to run for a position.

### -2). Article IV Section C

Reads: Collegiate chapters may be established in two- or four-year institutions where agriculture courses are taught. Membership shall be open to students enrolled in agriculture courses, or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture. **Such chapters shall be primarily designed for training their members in the knowledge and skill of advising and maintaining local FFA chapters.**

**Proposal:** Inserting “or who have an interest in supporting and developing the FFA Organization and the industry of agriculture” after “industry of agriculture” and removing the last sentence. The article would read “...Membership shall be open to students enrolled in agriculture courses, or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture or who have an interest in supporting and developing the FFA Organization and the industry of agriculture.”

**Purpose:** To include non-agricultural majors and college students to take part in the FFA Organization. This is an idea that came from the National FFA Convention delegate body.

### -3). Article VIII Section C

Reads: Chapter officers shall consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor and may include a Parliamentarian. Local instructors of agriculture education shall be the local advisors. Student officers of the local chapter shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

**Proposal:** Insert “and/or any other offices the chapter sees fit” after “include a Parliamentarian.” The article would read “Chapter officers shall consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor and may include a Parliamentarian and/or any other offices the chapter sees fit.”

**Purpose:** Many chapters include student advisors, farm managers, etc... as officers and should be recognized in the State Constitution.

### -4). Article X Section A

Reads: **The President** – The president shall be elected by the out-going Board of Directors, at the State Convention from among the qualified members of the Board of Directors for the year then closing. Election shall be by ballot and shall require a majority vote of the officers present.

**Proposal:** Strike “Board of Directors” and insert “State Officer Team.” The article would read “The President shall be elected by the out-going State Officer Team, at the State Convention from among the qualified members of the State Officer Team for the year then closing.”

**Purpose:** Under current procedure, the state officer team chooses the new State President, not the entire Board of Directors, which includes the State Officers’ Advisors.

**-5). Article X Section C**

**Reads:** The Board of Directors shall meet at the State Convention after the sectional election, and shall elect from their body five Vice Presidents, the Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Parliamentarian.

**Proposal:** Strike “Board of Directors” and insert “newly elected State Officers.” The article would read “The newly elected State Officers shall meet at the State Convention after the sectional election, and shall elect from their body five Vice Presidents, the Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Parliamentarian.”

**Purpose:** Under current procedure, the state officer team elects the teams’ positions, not the entire Board of Directors, which includes the State Officers’ Advisors.

Danielle moved to accept these constitutional amendments and Tyler seconded the motion. The motion was passed and sustained by the advisors.

- **Finance Committee:** Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Eccarius passed out the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget package for the Board of Directors to review. A significant amount of time was spent reviewing the line items of the budget. The State Officer Team proposed to increase state officer mileage reimbursement from .27 cents per mile to .32 cents per mile. After discussion and adjusting the budget, the Board was able to make room for this increase and balance the budget.

Michelle moved to accept the 2005-2006 Wisconsin Association of FFA proposed budget. Danielle seconded the motion. The motion was passed and sustained by the advisors. This budget will be presented to the delegates at the 76<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention and when passed will take affect October 1, 2005.

Danielle moved to put into effect the mileage increase as of March 1, 2005. Tyler seconded the motion. The motion passed and sustained by the advisors.

Brandon moved that mileage to chapter visits are always taken from the State Officers’ home. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion was passed and sustained by the advisors.

- **Membership Committee:** Wisconsin currently has 16,031 members as of March 8. April 1<sup>st</sup> is when the final supplemental rosters are due. State officers should contact the schools in their section to let them know of this date change.

Dani moved to accept the membership committee report. Danielle seconded the motion. The motion was passed and sustained by the advisors.

- **Awards and Program Committee:**
  - 1). The first proposal was to redesign the Greenhand conference to fit the knowledge level of both Greenhand and Discovery FFA members. Tyler moved to accept this proposal and Gena seconded the motion. The motion was passed and sustained by the advisors.
  - 2). The second proposal was to consider moving the Opening and Closing Ceremonies Speaking Competition to the Sectional Level. Tyler moved to accept this proposal and Gena seconded the motion. The Board was not in favor of this proposal because they thought the competition was still manageable at the state level and adding another speaking contest to the sectional level may be overwhelming to the teachers. Informal question was called. The motion failed and the advisors sustained the action of the state officers.
  - 3). Gena moved to discontinue the Diamond Award from the awards at State Convention and Tyler seconded the motion. The board was in favor of this because it was an award designed for last year's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The motion was passed and sustained by the advisors.
  - 4). Gena moved to have all State Officer Candidates attend the State Leadership Dinner on the Wednesday Night of State Convention. Tyler seconded the motion. The tickets are currently not funded so candidates would need to purchase a ticket. In future years, a sponsor may be able to pick up the cost of this meal for these individuals. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.
  - 5). Tyler moved to add a Wisconsin FFA Chapter Website Competition beginning in the 2005-06 school year. Gena seconded the motion. The Board was in favor of this as long as there are specific guidelines to follow and if there is a sponsor. Tyler and Gena passed out a packet of information that explained the guidelines and also included a score sheet. Mrs. Gagnon said she would assist in finding a sponsor. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.
- **The Partnerships Relations Committee** recommended that next year this committee should work more closely with Mrs. Gagnon to strengthen our partnership with sponsors. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Update on the Unified Branding/Strategic Marketing Plan** – Mr. Gagnon updated the Board on this project. All five “agencies” have taken the request to their Boards and all have formally approved funding except WAAE, which will be making a decision in April. There is a timeline and they are currently on schedule.
- **Joint CTSO Conference** - Mr. Gagnon passed out an informational sheet about the *Extreme Leadership Conference* that the Career and Technical Student Organizations were putting on November 8-9, 2005. Mr. Gagnon wanted to know if the Board wanted to support and promote this conference. The Board agreed that we already have many leadership workshops for our members to go to so we will not promote this event as an official FFA event, but will not discourage any of our members from attending. Kelsey moved to not advertise the Extreme Leadership Conference or count it as an official Wisconsin FFA Event. Danielle seconded the motion. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.

- **Updates to the Wisconsin FFA Speaking Contest Handbook:**

Mrs. Zimmerman updated the Board on changes that needed to be made to the Wisconsin FFA Speaking Contest Handbook. The following recommendations were presented.

- 1). Layout Update – Review the handbook for proper auto-formatting and readjust where necessary. Readjust margins and realign so everything fits properly on the pages.
- 2). Add a General Information Section – This will include specifics that include overall eligibility and those items that need to be clearly defined to anyone participating or hosting a speaking contest. Also, move the eligibility section to the front of the handbook.
- 3). Add this section “In order for an individual and/or team to advance to the next level of competition (i.e. From districts the sectional; from sectional to state), an individual and/or team must be present at the qualifying competition in order to advance even if there is only one or two individuals and/or teams entered to compete. They must qualify onsite to advance to the next level. When qualifying as a team, the team must have the minimum number of participants on the representing team at the competition in order to advance. A team is allowed to make necessary substitutions throughout the various levels of competition, however they must always have at least the minimum number of team members and must not exceed the maximum number of members on a team in order to advance.
- 4). Substitution Clarification – Substitutions are only allowed for team events. However the teams must always have at least the minimum number of team members and must not exceed the maximum number of members on a team in order to advance. If an individual in an individual speaking contest is unable to advance to the next level of competition, he student must inform the Wisconsin FFA Center and the next student that was ranked in the competition will be invited to participate in the next level of competition.
- 5). Section A:
  - Add... Tabulation Room: A separate area should be designed by the host of the contest for the judges to report to after they have completed their judging. The judges are to report to this room to turn in all scorecards, official result sheets and confidential information. The State FFA Officer in attendance at the contest could serve as the chair of the tabulation room. In this area, all judges must turn in their materials, verify their results and sign the proper documents before leaving the contest site.
  - Add... An example schedule of participants giving scenarios when a student is competing in multiple events and which contests they should compete in first.
  - Revise... So that it reads that a Holding room is required not just recommended.
  - Revise the outline for moderator to include a script similar to what is attached. This will better assist the moderator in exactly what they need to do during the discussion meet competition.
  - Revise... Master check-in sheet for chapters to record team names of all members competing in team events.
- 6). Rules and Scoring of Each Speaking Contest
  - Prepared Public Speaking – Clarification of the manuscript requirement of 10-12 characters per inch. Change this to correspond with font size in today’s language instead of typewriter language. The font size would be comparable to 12 point font

Times New Roman. Review this with any change National FFA Makes for 2006. Clarify proper citing of material. Redesign scorecard so it looks more like Nationals.

-Job Interview – Revise #2 of the Contest Procedures

Tyler moved to accept the report to update the Wisconsin Association of FFA Speaking Contest Handbook. The motion was seconded. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.

- **State Officer Task Force Proposals**

-1). Brandon moved to send the Sectional Realignment proposal to the 2005 Wisconsin FFA Convention Delegates. Danielle seconded the motion. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.

Danielle moved to support the Sectional Realignment proposed by the State Officer Task Force Committee. Brandon seconded the motion. Some members of the Board members were in favor of this change because it makes all of the sections more even in numbers. All the sections would have 25 chapters except section 8 which would have 24. Other members of the Board were concerned with how big section one would be with the new change. Other members did not have an opinion.

Dani moved to change the method of voting to roll call. Michelle seconded the motion. The motion was passed and sustained by the advisors. The roll call ended with the State Officers voting 5 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 neutral. The advisors had 1 in favor to sustain, 1 opposed to sustaining, and 9 neutral.

-2). State Officer Task Force Proposal for a Constitutional Amendment Proposal – the Proposal reads: “In the event that no current state FFA officer runs for the position of state FFA president a nominating committee selected by the FFA Executive Director and State FFA President, will select the incoming president from the top sectional candidates. This person can only serve as a State FFA Officer for one year.

Danielle moved to accept the State Officer Task Force proposal to amend the Constitution regarding the State FFA President. Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.

-3). State Officer Task Force Proposal concerning Policy Recommendation – “If a section does not have a State FFA Officer Candidate, the State FFA Executive Director will contact all advisors through some manner of common communication and inform them that no candidates have applied in their section for State FFA Office. There will be a grace period of five business days given for that section to encourage qualified candidates to submit an application for State Office. The Executive Director will indicate the dates of this grace period. If no candidates submit an application from this effort, the section will not be represented by a state officer for that year.”

Danielle moved to accept the State Officer Task Force Proposal on the policy recommendations regarding the sectional officer. Tyler seconded the motion. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.

- **Update on Agricultural Education Proficiency Award Area**

Danielle moved to combine the State FFA Leadership and State FFA Safety Proficiency Award areas into the newly developed National Proficiency Area of Agricultural Education and have it implemented in the 2005-2006 school year. Kelsey seconded the motion. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.

### **New Business:**

- **World Dairy Expo Educational Opportunities** – It was briefly discussed that Mr. Gagnon and Mrs. Zimmerman had a conference call with World Dairy Expo staff on how to provide better educational opportunities for FFA members attending the World Dairy Expo. This will help to make this an overall better experience for students attending and hopefully help in keeping students doing positive things throughout their time at expo. A presentation will be made at the April WAAE Board meeting by Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Tom McKittrick.
- **State FFA Agriscience Fair Policies** – Because of the growth in the Wisconsin FFA Agriscience Fair, a set of policies was presented to the FFA Board of Directors. Brandon moved to accept the State FFA Agriscience Fair policies. Danielle seconded the motion. Motion passed and was sustained by the advisors. The changes include:
  1. The Agriscience Fair Competition is open to all FFA Members in grades 7-12. There are four divisions. Division I is open to individual members in grade 7-9. Division II is open to individual members in grades 10-12. Division III is for teams of two members in grade 1-9. Division IV is for teams of two members in grades 10-12. The student's grade level is determined by the age of the member at the time of qualification at the state level. Because the Wisconsin FFA Convention is currently held at the end of the school year, the student's grade will be the year in school the student would have just completed.
  2. All rules, project components and judging criteria set forth by the National FFA Organization for the National FFA Agriscience Fair will apply to the Wisconsin State FFA Agriscience Fair.
  3. Each entry in the Wisconsin Agriscience Fair competition will be ranked gold, silver, or bronze. If the judges feel it is necessary, a participant award can be given but to those exhibits that clearly do not meet the criteria of an Agriscience Fair exhibit.
  4. A State Winner can be selected in each of the categories. Only one state winner is allowed in each category within each division. An Agriscience Fair Entry must be ranked gold before it will be considered for the award of State Winner. If projects are worthy of a gold rating then a State Winner needs to be selected from those entries. All gold ratings should be ranked. If an Agriscience Fair exhibit is declared a state winner, this means that they are eligible to advance to the National FFA Competition. If a state winner, wishes not to advance to National Competition, they need to inform the judges and the title of state winner will not be awarded to that individual and/or team.
  5. Once a student has been declared a state winner in a certain Division and Category and is eligible to advance to National Competition, they cannot exhibit in that same Division and Category in succeeding years.
  6. Students can only enter in one division and one category in a given year. This means that they cannot enter an Agriscience Fair project as an individual and also as a team.
  7. Each participant is required to meet with the judges to explain their project at the Wisconsin FFA Convention.

8. All National FFA rules and policies concerning animal care, human subjects, safety, etc. will apply to the State FFA Agriscience Fair. All necessary forms that are required by National FFA will also be required on the State Level.
9. Entry forms for the Wisconsin FFA Agriscience Fair are due postmarked to the Wisconsin FFA Center May 1. The official entry form and the abstract of the Agriscience Fair project must be submitted at that time.
10. Wisconsin Agriscience Fair results will be announced on stage at the Life Work Expo during the Wisconsin FFA Convention. Only the State Winner in each Category and Division will be announced in the Main Stage of the State FFA Convention.
11. All Agriscience Fair Exhibits must be in place on Tuesday evening of the State FFA Convention. All Judging will take place on Wednesday morning before the opening of the Life Work Expo.
12. The decision of the judges is final.

**Submitted Proposals From Chapters** - No other proposals had been submitted to the State FFA Advisor for consideration by the delegates.

Danielle moved to adjourn for the night. Dani seconded the motion. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors.

### **Wednesday, March 9, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:12am by the Wisconsin FFA President Nicole Schmidt. The following members of the Board were present Mr. Edward Belinski; State FFA Vice President Michelle Rudolph; Mr. Marty Nowak; State FFA Reporter Tyler Sailsbery; Ms. Rene Lehman; Mr. Peter Mueller; State FFA Vice President Brandon Hager; Mr. Jeff Hicken; Ms. Kim Houser; Mrs. Deb Ihm; State FFA Parliamentarian Danielle Russell; State FFA Secretary Kelsey Murphy; Ms. Christine Jumbeck; Ms. Leigh Siegmund; State FFA Vice President Dani Raether; Mr. Derrick Meyer; Mr. Zobeck; State FFA President Nicole Schmidt; and State FFA Executive Director Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman.

The first item of business was to update the Board on State Convention Plans.

- Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed with the Board that from the meeting the previous evening that the Constitution and Bylaws committee report/changes, the Budget, the Realignment Proposal, and the State Officer Task Force President Proposal will all go before the delegates at the Wisconsin State FFA Convention.
- Mrs. Zimmerman asked the Board if the agriculture teachers still needed paper copies of the state convention planning guide because everything is now online. The Board thought that the paper copies would still be nice because it is easier to make copies of the sheets of paper and it is nice to have a hard copy to look at.
- Mrs. Zimmerman passed out a weekly schedule to all of the state officers and their advisors so they know what their assignments are at the state convention. Other convention items were reviewed including housing, meals, registration, program, parking, and set-up.
- There will be a reception site this year for all of the contest judges. Coffee and donuts will be provided and there will be a short orientation meeting.
- Should the Past State Officer Reunion be moved to Tuesday night? This should be brought up at the reunion this year to see what the PSOs think.



- In the Convention book the board decided to add a table of contents and keep the “scrapbook” style. Also, this year the Board decided to dedicate the program to Arnold Cordes.

### **State FFA Convention Committee Reports:**

- **Delegate Operations Committee:** Nicole moved to accept the Delegate Operations committee report. Gena seconded the motion. The Board also wanted to clear up who can be a delegate for the Monday Delegate Committees. Mrs. Zimmerman said any FFA member could come to those committee meetings, but the chair and secretary for each committee must be official delegates.
- Recommendations made by the Delegate Committee include:
  - In addition to the Committee Student Chair and Advisor Supervisor, we should add the position of Committee Secretary.
  - On the current application, two questions be added that ask if the individual would like to be considered for the positions of Committee Student Chair or Secretary. There would also be a question that would give them the opportunity to rate their experience and knowledge with parliamentary procedure.
  - We will create a form that the Committee Chair and Secretary can use to fill out their committee recommendations.
  - During the committee work, the State FFA Officers would split up and go into the committee rooms to answer any questions.
  - The following topics and subtopics be considered during the delegate committee process:
    - \* Alumni Relations
      - Involvement of Alumni members at state events and conferences with a specific purpose or role. (With special attention to the Sectional Leadership Workshops.)
      - Involvement of Alumni Members at State Convention
      - Is there possible recognition for chapters and affiliates that cooperatively work together to fulfill the FFA Mission?
    - \* State Convention Delegate Committee Process
      - Increasing participation in Convention Committee Work
      - How can chapters, in a manner similar to the proposals, submit committee topics? What would logistics be?
      - Is there any further direction or resources needed for committees to work effectively?
      - What should the process be to utilize the accepted committee reports and move forward on the recommendations? (ex. What action should the Board of Directors take and when should it be completed?)
    - \* State Officer Election Process
      - Evaluate the possibility of considering the delegate vote as a percentage of the total election process
      - Could part of the process be completed prior to State Convention (April/May) and the finalists complete the process at the convention?
      - What training should be given to delegates at the state convention to prepare them to vote on a state officer candidate?

- What should happen in the event that there aren't any candidates from a particular section?

\* Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs

-Do we need to change the financial and work requirements for the State FFA Degree?

-Does the SAE on a State Degree need to be tied to a proficiency area?

-How would you define a credible SAE?

-The motion to accept the Delegate Operations Committee report passed and was sustained by the advisors.

- **Speakers and Entertainment:** Brandon moved to accept the Speakers and Entertainment Committee Report. Tyler seconded the motion. Brandon told the board that one speaker is confirmed and his price is set. With the other speaker, they are still negotiating a price. Jim Wand will also be at the convention. The Board decided to set the ticket price at \$8.00 and Mr. Wand will split the price 50/50. The motion to accept the Speakers and Entertainment Committee passed and was sustained by the advisors.
- **Workshop Committee:** Kelsey moved to accept the Workshop Committee Report. Dani seconded the motion. The tentative workshop presenters include Chris Ritscher, Leslie Shuler, Matthew Reinders, Todd Schumacher, UW-Madison CALS, UW-Madison Short Course, UW-Madison Collegiate FFA, Kim Miller, Jamie Hagenow, Agriculture in the Classroom, National FFA President, Speakers at the Convention, Wisconsin Farm Bureau. The Board recommended some possible workshop topics. They include New Awards and Changes for 2006, Ag. Ed. Proficiency, State Degrees, Agriscience project areas, River Falls Ag. Ed. Society, and How to Become a State Officer. The motion to accept the Workshop Committee Reports passed and was sustained.
- **Convention Tours Committee:** Danielle moved to accept the Convention Tours Committee Report. Kelsey seconded the motion. The tours recommended included Out West Farms, Melster Candy, International Crane Foundation, The Bouquet Connection Flower Market, \*Henry Vilas Zoo, Promega Lab Experience, \*Monsanto/Agracetus, \*UW-Madison Veterinary School, \*Madison Area Technical College, \*Minitube of America, Sunburst Dairy, ABS Global, Alto Dairy, and W.D. Hoard & Sons. (\* denotes repeated tours from last year). The Board suggested also having tours of the capital. The Board also suggested raising the ticket price because of the increase in gas prices. Also, the Board would like to look into using the buses that chapters bring down to the convention. It would lighten the work load for Kevin Hoffman who currently does all of the driving for the tours. The motion to accept the State Convention Tours Committee Report passed and was sustained.
- **LifeWork Expo Committee:** Dani moved to accept the LifeWork Expo Committee Report. Gena seconded the motion. The Board recommended getting in contact with the Verona FFA to use their mini tractor pull equipment, the New Glarus FFA to use their dollar booth, and to look into getting the Kid Again Inflatable games to set up a booth. The motion to accept the LifeWork Expo Committee Report passed and was sustained by the advisors.

- **Convention Seating and Courtesy Corps Committee:** Nicole moved to accept the Convention Seating and Courtesy Corps Committee Report. The motion was seconded. The committee recommended the following:

  - continue to use the “official dress” cards, with some addition
  - stress to advisors serving as door checkers that they need to be enforcing convention buttons and official dress
  - eliminate the positions of “Talent Stage Assistants”
  - Create sheets of paper that correspond to the seating chart for ushers to use

The motion to accept the Convention Seating and Courtesy Corps Committee Report passed and was sustained.
- **Meals and Reception Committee:** Gena moved to accept the Meals and Reception Committee Report and Kelsey seconded the motion. The committee recommended:

  - corsages at the various meals and receptions will be used sparingly
  - for the sponsors dinner, a table set up diagram will be sent prior to the meal so appropriate seating will be prepared
  - having sponsors RSVP for their dinner as to have a more approximate idea for planning
  - tables will be clearly marked with laminated cards in card holders
  - more seating available for lunches
  - meal functions may contain talent and music
  - decorations will reflect the convention theme

The motion to accept the Meals and Reception Committee Report passed and was sustained.
- **Convention Media and Public Relations Committee:** Tyler moved to accept the Convention Media and Public Relations Committee Report. Danielle seconded the motion. The committee recommends:

  - promote the FFA and increase participation at the local level before the convention (April/May)
  - have on-site media work utilizing chapters to get the word out about convention planning
  - have a post convention plan to ensure the continued success of our convention

The motion to accept the Convention Media and Public Relations Committee Report passed and was sustained by the advisors.
- **Convention Contests Committee:** Danielle moved to accept the Convention Contests Committee Report and Brandon seconded the motion. The committee plans to confirm judges for the Speaking Contest as well as plan a reception area and other means of hospitality for the judges at the State FFA Convention. The motion to accept the Convention Contests Committee Report passed and was sustained.
- **Convention Special Projects:** Michelle moved to accept the Convention Special Projects Committee Report. Dani seconded the motion. The committee plans to continue the following projects FFA Bucks, Band, Chorus, and Talent Letters, Official Dress Dummies, Convention Special Effects/Pre-session Entertainment, and Message Boards/State Map. The motion to accept the Convention Special Projects Committee Report passed and was sustained.

- **Past State Officer Committee:** Michelle moved to accept the Past State Officer Committee Report. The committee recommended to:
  - invite all past state officers to attend the reunion function at the state FFA convention
  - encourage PSO to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> general session of the State FFA Convention to be recognized for all of their accomplishmentsThe motion to accept the Past State Officer Committee Report passed and was sustained.
- **Hall of Fame Committee:** This committee will be meeting in April with Mrs. Gagnon to participate in the selection process of the 2005 Hall of Fame Inductees.

Dani moved to adjourn and Gena seconded the motion. The motion passed and was sustained by the advisors. The meeting adjourned at 11:48am.

Following the Formal Business meeting, the FFA Advisors proceeded with the Wisconsin FFA Star Finalist Judging. The State FFA Officers continued with a convention work session. Meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m.